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For: A METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING SLAUGHTER EQUIPMENT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

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European Patent Application No. 0 641 812 discloses in Figure 3 a golve holding member 21 resembling the form of a hand, but not featuring the inventive configuration of bar members as claimed in amended claim 1;

French Patent No. 2 676 078 relates to a cleaning and disinfection installation;

French Patent No. 2 565 854, German Patent 198 19 288, and U.S. Patent No. 4,866,845 discloses various forms of knife holding members.

English language Abstracts of the foreign language documents are being submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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